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**REMOVAL OF SS-NX-20 EQUIPMENT
NENOKSA LAUNCH FACILITY D, USSR (SWN)**

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: THE SOVIETS HAVE BEGUN REMOVING SS-NX-20 SUBMARINE-LAUNCHED BALLISTIC MISSILE (SLBM) TEST-RELATED EQUIPMENT FROM NENOKSA LAUNCH FACILITY D IN THE NENOKSA NAVAL MISSILE TEST CENTER. THE REMOVAL OF THIS EQUIPMENT INDICATES THAT THE SOVIETS FORESEE NO FURTHER NEED FOR LAND-BASED TESTING OF THE MISSILE AND FURTHER SUGGESTS, WHEN TAKEN ALONG WITH THE SEVERAL SUCCESSFUL AT-SEA LAUNCHES, THAT THE SS-NX-20 SLBM TEST PROGRAM HAS ENDED. (SWN)

2. REMARKS: BETWEEN [] FOUR FLATCARS ARRIVED AT THE FACILITY. BY [] TWO OF THE FLATCARS HAD BEEN LOADED WITH CANVAS- AND PLATE-COVERED EQUIPMENT. A MOBILE CRANE WAS PREPARING TO LOAD ADDITIONAL CANVAS-COVERED EQUIPMENT (INCLUDING A PROBABLE PERSONNEL HOIST) ONTO A THIRD FLATCAR. THE LIGHT-TONED, SLIGHTLY PEAKED ENVIRONMENTAL COVER, WHICH HAD BEEN OVER THE LAUNCH TUBE SINCE [] WAS REMOVED BY [] THE MULTILEVEL WORK PLATFORM WAS REMOVED FROM THE TUBE AND THE LAUNCH TUBE DOOR WAS OPEN AT THAT TIME. BY [] CANVAS HAD BEEN STRETCHED OVER THE LAUNCH TUBE. (SWN)

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THE REMOVAL OF THIS EQUIPMENT, WHICH HAS BEEN IN OPEN STORAGE SINCE LAND-BASED TESTING CEASED IN JUNE 1982, MAY PRESAGE THE START OF MODIFICATION OF THE LAUNCH TUBE FOR AN SS-NX-20 SLBM FOLLOW-ON TEST PROGRAM. ANY SUCH MODIFICATION WOULD HAVE TO BE PRECEDED BY THE REMOVAL OF THE MULTILEVEL WORK PLATFORM. THE STATUS OF THE LAUNCH TUBE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED ON [] BECAUSE OF THE CANVAS COVER; HOWEVER, THE CANVAS WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE NEEDED IF THE DOOR WERE IN PLACE. (SWN)

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LAUNCH FACILITY D AT NENOKSA WAS THE SITE OF LAND-BASED FLIGHT TESTING OF THE SS-NX-20 SLBM, 20 OF WHICH ARE CARRIED ABOARD EACH OF THE SOVIET TYPHOON-CLASS NUCLEAR-POWERED BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINES (SSBN). (SWN)

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TWO TYPHOON SSBN HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED FROM SEVERODVINSK SHIPYARD
402 [REDACTED] AND COMPONENTS FOR AN ADDITIONAL FOUR UNITS
HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. (SWN) [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 64-36-33N 039-14-15E (S)

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